

REMARKS

Responsive to the Advisory Action of April 22, 2004 and the teleconference with Examiner K. L. Thompson on June 3, 2004, Applicants provide the following remarks in an effort to address the issues cited by the Examiner and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim their invention. Applicants submit that by this amendment, no new matter has been added to the application.

Status of the Claims

Claim 5 is amended. Claims 6 and 9-20 remain unchanged. Thus, claims 5, 6, and 9-20 are pending in the application.

Explanation of Amendment

In the Advisory Action of April 22, 2004, the Examiner stated that "Applicants arguments [in response to the November 12, 2003 Office Action] with respect to *prior art lacking avoidance of a specific type of vibration* is not supported by the pending claims." Emphasis added. In the June 3, 2004 teleconference, the Examiner clarified his statement by noting that the specific "type of vibration" he was referring to in the Advisory Action were the omnidirectional vibrations referenced by the Applicants in their response to the November 12, 2003 Office Action. Taking both the Advisory Action and teleconference into consideration, Applicants have amended independent claim 5 to include the limitation that the transmission of omnidirectional vibrations from the engine to the generator is avoided.

Applicants believe that this amendment is fully supported by the specification and that the pending claims define patentably over the prior art. It is Applicants position that the prior art fails to teach or disclose an engine-generator arrangement capable of avoiding omnidirectional vibrations, a position that is now supported by the pending claims. Reconsideration and reexamination are, therefore, respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a timely notification of allowance is courteously requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is inclined to further reject any of the claims, Applicants requests that counsel be contacted to resolve any remaining issues. Reconsideration is requested and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



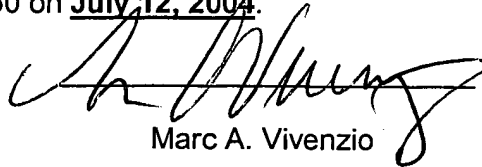
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